

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2008.

Claims 1, 3-9, 19 and 21-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Misra et al., (U.S. Patent 6,189,146) in view of Singh et al., (U.S. Patent 6,816,842) and in further view of Fenson et al. (U.S. Publication No.: 2002/0065681).

Claims 1, 19 and 28 include the feature that “at least one of the fields defined by the group administrator are required such that a software license is not obtainable by a user that does not input data for the at least one required field”. This is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art.

Paragraph [0067] and Figure 31 of Fenson shows a system where an administrator can select (make visible), require and label certain fields. Fenson does not appear to show administrator defined fields. In Fenson, the administrator merely selects fields defined by the software developer.

Administrator defined fields are especially important in the case of software licenses where they can be used to supplement fields defined by the software producer with company specific required information that the software producer is unlikely to anticipate.

For this reason, claims 1, 19 and 28 and their dependent claims, are believed to be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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